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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

A letter from Senator Jerry Seawell to this newspaper is really an appeal to his constituents throughout Nevada County to let him know, now, before the legislature meets in January whether they want their taxes greatly increased in order to give old folks over 60 years old, pensions of $50 per month or more as proposed by Governor Olson. He also wants to know whether his constituents would like him to vote for more heavy taxes in order to put into effect some of Governor Olson's ideas of "production for use." His letter is being substituted in this column this week because we think it is of paramount importance that Senator Seawell receive immediate advice on the desires of his constituents in this district.

Our answer to this letter is brief. "Dear Senator: Please don't add anything more to our taxes, or we will all go "over the hill to the poor house."

Senator Seawell's letter follows:
Nevada City Nugget
Dear Editor:

The governor of California has indicated that he will call a special session of the legislature some time during the month of January. It is generally understood that the three major problems that will confront this special session will be unemployment relief, a reduction in the old age pension age limitations, and a new plan of raising additional taxes to balance the state budget and to finance the additional costs proposed by the new old age pension provision.

I have been receiving letters from various people throughout my district, who would come under the old age pension plan should the age limitation be reduced from age 65 to age 60 or less, advocating that I support such a program.

Irrespective of what my personal feelings in the matter may be I have always tried to follow the policy of complying with the wishes of the majority of the people of my district regarding legislative matters, and I am asking you for the use of your valuable paper to convey to the people of this district the situation as I see it, and earnestly solicit their advice and counsel regarding the policy I should adopt and the procedure I should follow in representing them during the contemplated special session.

First, let us anaylze the old age pension system as it now exists and the result that will occur should the proposed changes be enacted into law.

In 1929, I was one of the authors, as a member of the State Assembly, of the bill that created the first old age pension act, this bill providing for an old age pension not in excess of $20, half the cost to be borne by the state and half by the county. That law had a residence eligibility requirement of 20 years residence in California before a person 70 years or over would be eligible for a pension. At a later session this age requirement was reduced to 15 years residence eligibility.

In 1935, the Federal Congress passed an act providing for federal assistance to states paying pensions in the amount of $30 or more to people who had reached the age of 65 or over. This also carried a provision that before the federal government would contribute federal funds to a state, the state must also not only agree to the 65 year requirement but must also reduce the eligibility requirement to read any person who had resided in the state five out of the last nine years would be elegible for a pension. This made a drastic reduction in eligibility requirements in California—in fact it actually reduced these requirements from 15 years to five years.

The California legislature complied with the federal requirements and set up a maximum $35 pension, $15 to be contributed by the federal government, $10 by the state, and $10 by the county, making a total of $35 in all. This is the present old age pension structure in California.

The State Department of Social Welfare in their bulletin states that the people of California today are paying approximately $29,000,000 annually for old age pensions, the federal government contributing approximately $24,000,000 in addition to this amount. The State Department bulletin also records there are in California today over 500,000 persons 65

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ONLY 2 OFFICERS OF COMPANY C LIVING TODAY

Two recent deaths of Nevada City pioneers, Ben Bost and Lawrence Nihell, brought to mind the fact that there are only two officers of old Company C still living. They are Capt. George A. Nihell, brother of the late Lawrence Nihell, and Corporal E. J. Ott.

This company was instituted in 1862 and was mustered out in 1900. The full company was composed of 90 men and the uniforms and enthusiasm of the men made it a brilliant and important feature in the district as they attended many patriotic functions and July Fourth celebrations. Several have related the splendid appearance of Captain George A. Nihell when he rode his fine horse in the parades.

The officers of the company were Major Simonds, Captain George A. Nihell, Corporal W. Orell, Sergeant J. Getchell, first lieutenant H. Richards, sergeant Lawrence Nihell, corporal Emil Ott, captain, Ben A. Bost,

One resident says that as a child she remembered when Company C attended the hanging of a man on Lost Hill. The company was called out in 1898 when the state militia was called to a railroad strike in Vallejo. Capt. Nihell, said, it is stated, they would go but no striker would drive them out of the railroad depot. The militia were driven out but the old Company C was not disturbed under Captain George Nihell.

The ladies of Nevada City collected enough money to present the company a flag. Mrs. I. Rolfe, mother of Mrs. Belle Douglass presented the flag in a colorful ceremony on July fourth, 1863. Mrs. A. A. Sargent and Mrs. Hathaway, both little girls, presented the ribbons. Mrs. Douglass now possesses the flag, badly worn, and the pennant which bears the date of the presentation.

SUBSTITUTE POST OFFICE CLERK WANTED

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has anounced an examination for substitute post office clerk, post office service at Nevada City. For information in regard to the requirements and the character of the examination, and for application blanks, apply promptly to the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners. Post Office, City. Closing date for application to be filed in San Francisco is December 14.

NEW HEAD FOR TEACHERS ASSN.

Robert Hartzell, principal of the Red Bluff Union High School, will become president of the California Teachers' Association, Northern Section, on January 1, succeeding James N. Gardner of Sacramento.

Hartzell was elected for a two year term at a recent institute session in Sacramento. He has been active in the affairs of the organization for many years. At present he is a member of the state council of education.

Other officers named are: Malcolm Murphy, Sacramento, vice-president; John D. Swetney, Red Bluff, treasurer; E. P. Mapes, Willows, secretary.

The following were elected to represent the section on the state council of education:

Ronald Cox, Susanville; Earl Crabbe, Auburn; J. N. Gardner, Sacramento; Charles Herrington, Gridley; Charles Golway, Sacramento; C. C. Hughes, Sacramento; R. W. Everett, Sacramento; Mrs. Agnes Meade, Marysville; C. K. Price, Orland; John Palmer, Placerville; and Fordyce Stewart, Chico.

This group will serve two year terms, ending December 31, 1941.

Northern Section Council members elected at large include: Lloyd D. Bernard, Chico; Lauretta Ferguson, Sacramento; John Carpenter, Sacramento; S. P. Robbins, Chico; Louis Edwards, Corning; and Floyd Starr, Sacramento. Other members will be elected by county units.

VETERAN ILL

Charles Giani, miner of Nevada City, was operated upon at Jones Hospital Thursday. He is getting along as well as can be expected. Giani, an overseas veteran, takes an active part in the local post affairs.

MERCHANTS TO PLAN COMMUNITY YULETIDE

Nevada City business men are requested to meet tomorrow, Tuesday, evening at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to plan for holiday community observance. The questions of decorations, employment of a Santa Claus, and the use of a sound truck to pep up the Yuletide season, questions of interest to every merchant and professional man, will be discussed. All business and professional men are urgently requested to attend.

COLOMBO MINE AT SIERRA CITY PRODUCES ORE

According to reports from Sierra City the Colombo mine is shipping ore from the mine to Salt Lake City to a smelter. It is said that the ore is running between $90 and $120 a ton with some assays running as high as $400 a ton.

It is understood that the are eight men employed there under the supervision of Mr. Compton who is the operator. The ore is being hauled to Calpine by truck where it is put on the train and shipped to Salt Lake City.

It is understood that the mine will be put on a larger producing scale next spring.

The mine had been closed for a number of years and was opened by Compton two years ago. It is one of the old producers having produced over $500,000 according to the records of the State Bureau of Mines. It is in the same district as some of the famous old producers of the county. Some of them are the Monarch, Primrose, Sacred Mound and Sierra Buttes, which has a production record of $40,000,000.

NEVADA CITY RED CROSS QUOTA IS SURPASSED

By MISS ALICE MOORE

Nevada City district folks have more than lived up to their tradition of always bettering their Red Cross roll call quota. Wiht a goal of 450 memberships to shoot at, Mrs. Arnold Jackson's corps of enthusiastic workers have brought in 465 not including Truckee, whose membership sheets have not yet been received.

Contributions from many who could not afford the membership fee, but wished to show their sympathy and give their support swell the reciepts by $32.55, and special memberships and contributions in addition to the membership fee bring the grand total, including Truckee, to $664.75.

Special mention should be made of the Truckee contribution of $119.20, collected by Mrs. Frank Titus, which is a fine record and exceeds the proportionate quota for their population.

The little towns of North San Juan, canvassed by Mrs. Letitia M. Ingles, and North Bloomfield, canvassed by Mrs. Victorine Penrose, also contributed generously in proportion to their size.

Lava Cap mine took a sustaining membership of $25.

Names of members and contributors which have been received at the headquarters since the last issue of the Nevada City Nugget are:

Mrs. John West, Tom Coan, E. Fields, Miss Fanny Eden and three friends, Roy Clark, D. L. Tietzen, Mrs. A. Knuckey, Miss Ada Rich, Mrs. Mary Martin, Rev. David Ralston, Lava Cap mine.

Mrs. Jackson is deeply appreciative of the splendid work done by the captains and their assistants in making such a fine record, and believes that the whole community feels itself in their debt.

GEORGE PRESTES SUCCUMBS

George Prestes, who has resided at Grass Valley several years, was taken to the county hospital and after being there one day passed away Saturday evening He was about 59 years of age and had been engaged in gardening for some time.

The remains are at Holmes Funeral Home in Nevada City Coroner A. M. Holmes is trying to locate relatives. No plans have been made for funeral arrangements.

OLSON TO PULL A BLITZKRIEG ON LEGISLATURE

By CLEM WHITAKER

Blitzkrieg—here it comes blasting its way into California's political dictionary!

And when January's storms beat on California's granite walled State Capitol, Governor Olson's campaign of blitzkrieg—designed to subdue the state legislature and jam through his program—is scheduled to break in full fury.

Herr Hitler's strategy of lightning warfare, crushing opponents before they can get set to oppose him, is not new to politics, even though the word blitzkrieg has a new ring to it. It has been tried many times before and has failed as often as it has succeeded.

The blitzkrieg technique, however, has much more chance of success at a special legislative session, when the lawmakers are harried by lack of time, than at a regular session, when there is ample time for sounding public opinion and studying the proposals at issue. And the special session tentatively scheduled for January will undoubtedly find Governor Olson taking full advantage of the time element in a determined drive to put over tax measures, relief bills and other pet proposals which were rejected at the regular session earlier this year.

Unlike Poland, however, California legislators have apparently sensed that a blitzkrieg campaign is in the making—and the lawmakers already are busy with their defenses.

Indicating the tack that their defense may take, Senator Jerrold L. Seawell of Roseville, president pro tem of the Upper House, has suggested to some of his fellow members that the two houses recess for 30 days immediately after receiving the Governor's program, just as they would at a regular session.

This procedure, Senator Seawell asserts, would enable the legislators to determine public reaction to the Olson proposals and study them thoroughly before returning to Sacramento to cast their ballots. And it would effectively block any lightning thrust by the administration, designed to steam roller opposition and force a roll call before either the members or the public understood the questions at issue.

A 30-day recess in a special session, Mr. Seawell admits, is a departure from normal procedure. But so is blitzkrieg. And new weapons call for new defenses!

"If Governor Olson gets any proposals through the special session of the legislature," declares Senator Seawell, "it will only be after thorough consideration. We don't intend to be stampeded into passing half-baked legislation. And a recess to consider the governor's program would seem to be the sensible solution."

"Home rule" in the administration of relief—an issue which has provoked some beautiful dog fights in bygone legislative sessions—will be back on the calendar again when the legislature meets in special session. And current reports indicate that the bill to take relief out of state control will be backed now by many lawmakers who have opposed it in the past. Administration of relief by county welfare departments, instead of by the payroll padded state relief agency, would cut costs 25 per cent, it is estimated—a saving that would run into many millions!

Wildcat oil operators who anted up hundreds of thousands of dollars to help defeat the Atkinson oil conservation act are starting to wonder, our spy reports, whether they really won, or lost. Reason: Uncle Sam, irritated by dissipation of oil resources is threatening to step in and take over! And federal control would choke off all oil shipments from California to Japan—an item of about $100,000 per day—in addition to setting up much more drastic regulations than that proposed under the state act.

The Olson forces, not to be caught napping, have set up a state-wide campaign organization to oppose the recall. Leo Cunningham of San Francisco, one of Governor Olson's managers in his 1938 campaign, and James Rolph III, son of famous "Sunny Jim," are heading the organization. George Killion, the governor's premier publicist, will man the heavy artillery!

WHITE CHRISTMAS PLANS MATURING

At the Tuesday meeting of the Women's Civic Club Mrs. Genevieve Elliott, president, appointed Mrs. Belle Douglass as program chairman of the White Christmas which is an annual event in this city. Others on the committee are, Mrs. C. M. Gwin, Mrs. W. P. Sawyer, Mrs. A. M. Hoge, Mrs. Robert Nye and Mrs. Elliott.

The club is asking for toys and games for the Christmas boxes. If toys are to be mended they should be delivered at once so that repairs may be made. The Civic Club donated $5. to the annual theatre party fund for children.

ST. AGNES GUILD TO GIVE SILVER TEA

St. Agnes Guild will give a silver tea Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, December 7, at the home of Mrs. E. M. Rector. Members are invited to bring each a guest.

ALARM, BUT NO FIRE

Miss Genevieve Evans of Long street was thoroughly frightened near midnight last night when she saw flakes of paper burning after they had gone out the chimney and fallen on a back roof at her home. She ran down to the city hall and notified Max Solaro fire truck driver. He left hurriedly after turning in the alarm and on making an inquiry of family members he found there was no fire. Miss Evans arrived a few minutes later out of breath. She had run all the way home again.

FIRST OUTDOOR XMAS TREE

Little six year old Gordon Lageson son of Agricultural Commissioner and Mrs. L. G. Lageson, is the first in Nevada City this year to have a lighted Christmas tree. He is quite proud of being the leader in this popular and worthwhile custom.

BOARD OF FIRE REVIEW

Officials of the Tahoe National Foret are today holding a board of fire review in the local headquarters. In the group are rangers ,superintendents of CCC camps and foremen. The meeting is being conducted by Assistant Superintendent E. L. Baxter. The group is going over fires of the past season, reporting mistakes and taking measures to eliminate them next year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lageson were summoned to Sacramento this morning on account of the sudden and serious illness of Mrs. Josephine Deeble. Mrs. Deeble resided in Hills Flat years ago and moved to Sacramento to reside.

Mrs. Errol MacBoyle was recently chosen a member of the California Outdoor Christmas Tree Association. She is the wife of the general manager of the Idaho Maryland mines.

Deputy Sheriff Carl T. Larsen and John Tognarelli left today for Tule Lake in the Klamath district in Northeastern California for a two or three day duck hunt.

Robert I. Tucker, former guard in the Tahoe National Forest at Sierraville the past season, has just been appointed as a law enforcement officer of Christmas trees patrol work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wright and children of San Francisco came to Nevada City Friday and remained until this morning visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burr.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhoite and daughter left the latter part of last week for Arizona for a vacation. Wilhoite was formerly manager of the Safeway store in Nevada City.

Mrs. Richard Haddy was called to Bakersfield Friday on account of the sudden death of her brother, the news coming as a great shock.

Nevada City P. G. & E. office received its usual wreaths of yule boughs this afternoon from the high Sierras. After fastening the brilliant lights in the wreath it made a beautiful decoration for the building facade.

Mrs. J. F. Barnes of Oakland is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Glidden.

ODD FELLOWS, ATTENTION!

There will be an election of officers of Oustomah Lodge tomorrow evening, December 5th. Good attendance desired.

M. G. ROBERTS, N. G.
J. PASCOE, Rec. Sec.

YOUTH ADMITS PLYING KNIFE TO DEFEND WOMAN

Fifteen-year-old Glenard Brown last night told county law enforcement officers a harrowing story of a wild drinking party in a cabin on the Dog Bar road that had as its aftermath the near fatal stabbing of James McElroy, Sacramento, and the subsequent jailing of the youth after his admission of guilt.

McElroy lies critically wounded in the Nevada County hospital with severe gashes on his arms, back and abdomen. Although it is yet too early to make a definite statement of his condition, hospital authorities believe that he will recover.

Brown told investigating officers Fred Williford and Bill Woods that McElroy had a violent argument with his wife and allegedly knocked her to the floor several times. Frank Kemp also of Sacramento, attempted to intercede and McElroy turned on him and administered a terrific beating. Then he reportedly knocked Kemp's wife down.

When Brown interfered, McElroy hurled him into a corner and grabbed a loaded shotgun. Brown picked up a five inch hunting knife and sashed the enraged man several times. He then loaded the wounded man into an old model T Ford with only two tires and drove over the tortuous four mile stretch of road to the Dew Drop Inn near Grass Valley where he phoned Holmes Funeral Home for an ambulance and the sheriff's office.

Deputy Sheriffs Williford and Wood said that at first Brown denied any guilt. Later, however, he admitted that he had committed the act. He is being held on an open charge.

In addition to Frank Kemp and his wife, also present at the affray were Jack De Mavile, owner of the cabin and Bill Oysterhouse of Auburn.

COLFAX MAN FINED FOR CUTTING XMAS TREES

Joe Delsindico, gravel dealer of Colfax, was fined $100 in the court of Justice Walter Mobley at Nevada City for cutting Christmas trees without a permit from the owner, according to a report from the headquarters of the Tahoe National Forest. Delsindico was apprehended by law enforcement officer J. D. Rafferty for cutting Christmas trees on National forest land in the Grouse Ridge Fuller Lake area and his load of trees confiscated.

RATTLESNAKE MINE TO OPERATE THIS WINTER

Supplies are being hauled to the Rattlesnake mine which is located 12 miles above Downieville underneath Rattlesnake Peak. It is understood that Jim Dugan of Downieville will be in charge of operations there during the coming winter with one other man working there with him to drive tunnel. The mine is owned by Ed Deal. It is leased to Roy M. Elliott and associates of San Francisco. According to reports more tunnel will be driven during the coming winter.

The mine has been operated for the past 18 months under the same management, and during the past summer at least seven men have been working there with a maximum crew a year ago of 14 men. All of the supplies, including rails, etc. have been hauled in for an extensive development program next spring.

BRIGHTENING ARMORY HALL

The Nevada City firemen are doing up the interior of Armory Hall for the coming New Years masque ball. The women's and men's dressing rooms, front entrance and checking room are being painted.

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The thousands of field houses and gymnasiums built by the sport of basketball are monuments to the success of the dream of the young minister who thought he could serve youth best by promoting its physical welfare. The father of basketball served his cause well.—Contributed.

The Golden Door

Into New York harbor the other day an English ship bore the most precious cargo that ever left English shores a yellowed parchment bearing a king's seal—the Magna Carta granted at Runnymede seven centuries ago. It was brought for safe keeping in custody of the Library of Congress, for the duration of the war. It is now in the same gallery, under the same constant guard, with the Constitution of the United States; and so the major symbols of centuries of progress toward freedom are brought together. The variance in their guarantees of liberty is as great as the time that separates them in history. The Magna Carta represents rights wrung by nobles from an arrogant king, wrung mainly for themselves—with scant heed to humbler men. Yet, as one statesman expressed it, "on that musty parchment we see the nucleus from which most of our liberties have been developed—trial by jury, habeas corpus, the principle of no taxation without representation, and the whole constitutional edifice of modern Democracy." In the American Constitution and Bill of Rights the imperfect beginnings of the Magna Carta have been brought to full flower. And when that time-dimmed ancestor of Democracy came for sanctuary, it was greeted by the Statue of Liberty, holding aloft the quenchless lamp, and inscribed for all time:

"Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

—Contributed.

Slow Up - Or Be A "Statistic"!

In a traffic case session last week Municipal Judge Theresa Meikle of San Francisco compressed a warning to potential holiday highway accident victims in a crisp sentence: "Slow up before you become a 'statistic'." The graphic admonition of that woman jurist is most timely just now. The holiday month of December enormously increases motor and pedestrian traffic. Tens of thousands drive home for reunions. Major events such as the great Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl game add cars by the thousands to normal cross-country and city traffic. In December the daylight hours for driving shrink as winter nights lengthen, and pavements become slippery with rain, fogs and frosts. And all such hazards as Judge Meikle warns, are intensified by the holiday-time urge to hurry. The tendency on trips is to hurry—to drive fast so that visiting periods may be longer and travel time less. The tendency is to hurry through crowded streets while shopping—taking chances by jaywalking, by walking against red lights, by being impatient of all delay.

Yet thousands who were in such a hurry a year ago, today are "statistics"—names compiled with data about "how it happened," for accident statisticians and experts to study. The holiday season is crowded with activities, and passes all too quickly. But slow up! Take your time on the road, in the street, on the crosswalks. When Christmas and New Year festivities are at their height a few weeks hence, be one of the gay celebrants—not a late accident "statistic."—Contributed.

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years of age and over, of which only 132,000 are receiving old age pensions.

Assuming these figures to be correct, and if all the people of this state 65 years and over were to receive pensions under the present structure, the pension costs of the people of California would jump from $29,000,000 to approximately $112,000,000 annually. Now let us add to this figure all those people who would become eligible should the age limitation be reduced to age 60, or even worse if reduced to age 50. Following the same ratio that now exists, the pension cost could reach an astounding figure of over $300,000,000 and to make matters worse the federal act provides that the federal government does not contribute to any pensions granted to people under 65 years of age, which would cause the entire burden to fall directly back upon the California taxpayers. Assuming this to be true, which I believe it is, then it is not hard to understand why I have continually advocated that pension plans should be national in scope and uniform in application.

With the eligibility requirement under the federal act, California will then become the mecca of the aged people of America, for the State Department of Social Welfare shows California to rank No. 1 in old age pension payments and unemployment relief payments, and in payments to the needy blind. Comparing California's old age pension plan today, in which the average payment amounts to $32.45, with that of Illinois of $19.23, with that of Texas to $14.16, with that of Ohio of $22.57, with that of New York of $23.57, and with that of Michigan of $16.44, which are states comparabe in size and in wealth to California, it is reasonable that the old people of other states would migrate westward to improve their social conditions, which again substantiates the fact that should a national uniform pension act be in effect the desire to leave their home states would be eliminated.

The same condition prevails when we look at the unemployment relief problem of California's SRA, to which the state today is expending approximately $4,000,000 monthly, in addition to those projects allocated to California under WPA.

The federal government during the past 12 months, and even before, has consistently reduced its relief contributions to this state, which has forced the burden of caring for those people back as a direct charge upon the state. All indications point that the legislature will be required to raise between $50,000,000 and $60,000,000 more for additional relief in California. The controversy on this subject at the moment is the manner in which relief is being administered. Should it be administered by the state or should the policy be to return it to the counties and allow the county agencies to administer relief. A great many of the legislators feel that relief could be better administered by the counties as they are in closer touch with local situations than is the state, and that it would have a tendency to take politics out of relief and would ultimately result in a great saving over what it is now costing to carry out this program.

With the state facing an approximate deficit of $75,000,000, according to the State Controller, which might reach a peak of $110,000,000 under our present system of operating, the pension and relief proposals strike directly and seriously at the taxpayers pocketbooks and will become a major issue at the special session.

Should a $50 or $60 pension be allowed without federal aid, and should the legislators vote the requested amounts for relief without federal aid, plus the present state deficit, we may be called upon in the very near future to raise better than a quarter of a million dollars in new taxes to meet our current expenditures and social obligations.

In directing this communication to the people of this district, I have tried to present the facts as they appear to me that the people may have an opportunity to study the same over and to advise me their desires regarding the special session program. I have always believed, and still do, in adequate old age pensions based upon the ability of the state to pay the same and that the burden should be a national burden borne by all the people. By the same philosophy I have approached the relief problem and advocate a national policy to this effect. By such a policy California can live within her income and not strangle her people with a tax burden that will eventually wipe out our state credit and personal incomes.

I would appreciate the people of this district answering the following points:

Do you want the age eligibility requirements reduced in accordance with the proposals submitted by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor?

Do you want the relief problem administered by a state agency or would you prefer to have it administered by your local county agency?

Do you want the legislature to approve the "production for use program" as proposed by the Governor?

The answers to these three points will greatly reflect upon the position I will have to take in approaching governmental economy and the enactment of new revenue laws to obtain additional income to meet these obligations by invoking additional taxes upon the people of California. I do not expect the people of this district to advise me as to the solution of the problem, but would appreciate a definition of policy as it relates to higher pensions and additional taxes.

It is my one desire to serve the people of this district in the manner that they deem is for the best interest of all concerned, and I can only do this by soliciting their advice and counsel.

Sincerely yours,
JERROLD L. SEAWELL,
State Senator, Seventh Senatorial District.

CAMPTONVILLE NOTES

CAMPTONVILLE, Dec. 2.— Miss Rose Heether who came here over a year ago from Michigan and who has been residing with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Heether at the Grant and Heether saw mill left Monday for Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Jones left Wednesday for their home at Campbell.

B. F. McNaught and Courtland Bates left Thursday for Glendale with a load of Christmas trees.

William O. Grant left Wednesday for a brief business visit to the lower country.

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KING OF SWING HAS DEBUT IN DANCING CO-ED

The modern trend in all its swinging glory will reach a cinematic climax at the Nevada Theatre when Artie Shaw makes his cinematic debut with Lana Turner and Richard Carlson in "Dancing Co-Ed". The new picture opens Tuesday for a two day showing.

Two hundred jitterbugs, personally selected by Shaw, act as an animated background or Miss Turner in a dance infested story of college life as it might be when a Hollywood press agent sends a vaudeville hoofer to a university with the sole purpose of winning a dance contest and gambling a lot of publicity for a picture. When the dancer upsets the applecart by falling in love with a college editor and casts her vote for higher education, the result is said to be hilarious.

In the cast are Ann Rutherford, Lee Bowman, Thurston Hall, Leon Errol, Roscoe Karns, Mary Field, Walter Kingsford, Mary Beth Hughes, June Preisser and Monty Woolley.

"Dancing Co-Ed" is a comedy in swing time and is based upon the magazine story of the same name by Albert Treynor. Shaw and his band deliver nineteen numbers of the sort for which he is famous, including two written especially for the picture. "Stealing Apples" and "Racket Rhythm." S. Sylvan Simon directed.

CAMPTONVILLE TO GIVE RED CROSS FIRST AID

CAMPTONVILLE, Dec. 2.—The establishment of the Camptonville Red Cross Emergency First Aid Station took place Wednesday evening with a fitting program held in the barracks of the forest service headquarters with a good crowd in attendance.

The program was called to order by Mrs. Veva K. Meggers and was opened by the singing of "God Bless America" by the school children. Evelyn Oakes then read the story of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross in this country. Roy C. Donnally, Yuba County chairman of the annual roll call then took over the meeting and gave a brief talk introducing Dr. Harold R. Hennessy, Yuba Sutter health officer, and an official of the Red Cross who officially declared the emergency station established and who presented the first aid class with their certificates of proficiency in first aid work.

STATE TO SELL 3-MILLION ACRES TAX DELINQUENT

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 4.—In an attempt to return to the county tax rolls the 3,000,000 acres of land now in the hands of the state for failure to pay taxes, the State Controller's office will soon hire a number of Redemption Tax Assistants to assist in this work, it was announced today by Louis J. Kroeger, Executive Officer of the Personnel Board. The examination for this class will be held on December 21.

Over 150,000 parcels of property in the incorporated cities of California are now delinquent and removed from the county tax rolls and it is to facilitate the work of returning property that this new job is being set up, added Mr. Kroeger. The position will pay a starting salary of $170 per month, and the entrance requirements for the examination include 12th grade and 3 years of experience in tax collecting, assessing, or delinquent tax work. Further information may be obtained by writing to the State Personnel Board, 1025 P Street.

Eugene Gregory who is employed at the Reed mine near Montecello, spent the past week end in Nevada City with his family. His birthday was celebrated while here.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES

The taxes on all personal property secured by real property and one half of the taxes on all real property for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939 and ending June 30, 1940, will be due at the first day of November, 1939, and will be delinquent on the fifth day of December, 1939 at five o'clock p. m. and unless paid prior thereto eight percent will be added to the amount thereof and if said one half be not paid before the 20th day of April, 1940 at five o'clock p. m. an additional three per cent will be added thereto. The remaining one half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the 20th day of January, 1940 and will be delinquent on the 20th day of April, 1940 at five o'clock p. m. and unless paid prior thereto three per cent will be added to the amount thereof together with a further charge of 50 cents for each lot, piece or parcel and for each assessment of personal property.

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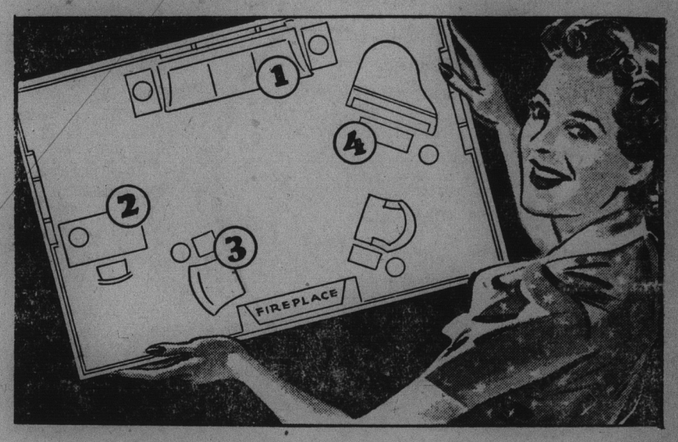

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Social Events

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Celebrate Anniversary

CAMPTONVILLE, Dec. 4.— Mr. and Mrs Miles G. Calvin were feasted on their fortieth wedding anniversary Wednesday at the home on Main street by a chicken dinner given by their daughters, Mrs. Leonard L. Bishop and Mrs. Eugene H. Hays. A number of relatives and friends were present and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent which will make the occasion a very memorable one.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Miles G. Calvin, Mrs. Leonard L. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kessler, Dolores Bishop, Jackie Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McNaught, Minot Riddell, Miss Jeanne Howard and Courtland Bates.

Mother of Mrs. Sauvee is Guest of Honor

Mrs. Fred Sauvee entertained Thursday afternoon in honor of the seventy ninth birthday of her mother, Mrs. Celia Clemo. Many family members were present for the happy occasion. Mrs. Clemo, loved and esteemed pioneer who has spent the greater portion of her life in Grass Valley has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Sauvee for several years. A big birthday cake with canly roses and birthday greetings was the central feature of the table. Besides the cake she received many lovely gifts, flowers and potted plants.

Evangeline Chapter to Install Officers

Evangeline Chapter, O. E. S., will hold installation of officers tomorrow evening in the Masonic Hall on Pine street. Incoming officers for the new term are, Miss Ruth Tamblyn, matron; C. M. Gwin, patron; Mrs. Doris Foley, associate matron; Walter Carlson, associate patron; Mrs. Margaret Bosworth, conductress; Mrs Elfreida Lawrence, associate conductress; Miss Alice Cooper, secretary; Mrs. Kate Stenger, treasurer; Miss Mamie Meservey, chaplain; Mrs Esther Joyal, marshal; Mrs. Elizabeth Leiter, Ada; Mrs. Lois Davies Ruth; Mrs. Mary German, Esther; Mrs. Alice Davies, Martha; Mrs. Dorothy Gwin, Electa; Mrs. Helen Berger warder; Mrs. E. Richards, sentinel; Mrs. Maude Hayes, organist.

Gold Flat Country Club is Organizing

A delightful dancing party was held in the John Deschwanden club house in Gold Flat Saturday evening. It was decided to form the Gold Flat Country Club and meet every two weeks. The next meeting will be held on December 16. A pot luck supper is to be served at six o'clock after which there will be games, fish pond, a Christmas tree and dancing. Officers will be chosen for the new club at an election to be held later. The music for the dance will be supplied by a phonograph. Mrs. C. E. Bosworth assists by playing the piano.

A Word of Health Advice

Health nurse, visiting home of Negro family, giving advice to mother about prevention of tuberculosis. Nursing service is part of the nationwide activities carried on by means of the income from Christmas Seals.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By BARBARA PHARISS

The weekly assembly Friday was devoted mostly to a "pep" rally in charge of the school song and yell leaders. Bettie Olsen led several yells. The coach and "Babe" Childers were each called upon to say a few words about the basketball game that night. Margie Keckler and Jane Bennett led several school songs.

Bob Schmidt, general chairman of the carnival to be held next Saturday, explained the plans and asked for student cooperation. He told of some of the various booths and the stunts, which will be published later. Voting for the queen of the evening is coming along quite well with Betty Smith a good way in the lead. Everyone is urged to vote. Votes are on sale to anyone at one cent each.

A Searchlight staff meeting was called Friday afternoon by the newly appointed editor, Margaret Norton. Plans were made and articles assigned for the next issue to be published this Friday. New insets have been purchased and everyone is asked to cooperate. Copies are sold at three cents apiece.

The Nevada City high school A and B teams played their first preliminary games Friday night and were defeated by Wheatland 39 to 22. in the varsity game, and 41 to 9 in the B.

The starting lineup for the A game was Allen Spracklin and Oscar Engstrom, forwards; Babe Childers, center; Kirk Martin and Charles Thomas, guards. The B game commenced with Joe Widauf and Ronald Joyal forwards; Everett Angove, center; Bob Mitchell and George Marinkovich, guards.

In the A game the score at the half was 24 to 5, but the 'Jackets made 17 points in the second half.

Pease, Miller and Ponticelli substituted. Substitutes in the B game were Erts, Leonard and Smith.

The yell and song leaders were there in full uniform and the high school band, under the direction of Ralph Smith, all added color to the event.

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